

The hearing will be conducted in SD 406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space be authorized to meet on April 10, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. on brain mapping.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 116, 117, 118, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, and all the nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed en bloc, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Argentina.

Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Eric M. Javits, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

John W. Snow, of Virginia, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years.

Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prael, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved 28 June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (22 USC 642).

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

Herbert Guenther, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term of two years.

Bradley Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2006.

Malcolm B. Bowekaty, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2006.

Richard Narcia, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring August 25, 2006.

Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring May 26, 2007.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN355 Foreign Service nominations (187) beginning Louise Brandt Bigott, and ending Kathleen Hatch Allegrone, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of February 25, 2003.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. MCCONNELL. In executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations: Delores Etter, Daniel Hastings, Jo Anne Vasquez, Barry Barish, Douglas Randall, Karen Johnson.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Karen Johnson be placed on the calendar. Further, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed immediately to the remaining nominations, the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, further that the President then be notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Barry C. Barish, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Delores N. Etter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Daniel E. Hastings, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for term expiring May 10, 2008.

Douglas D. Randall, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Jo Anne Vasquez, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 196

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 60, S. 196, the digital technology bill; further that there be one hour of debate equally divided between Senator ALLEN and the ranking member or their designees; in addition, that of the time under the majority control, Senator MCCAIN be allotted 5 minutes; that the only amendments in order be the committee-reported amendments and one technical amendment offered by Senator ALLEN; that at the expiration or yielding back of time, the amendments be adopted, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE ACT OF 2003

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 69, S. 538.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 538) to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The bill (S. 538) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 538

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE.

The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"TITLE XXIX—LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE

"SEC. 2901. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

"(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

"(1) an estimated 26,000,000 individuals in the United States care each year for 1 or more adult family members or friends who are chronically ill, disabled, or terminally ill;

"(2) an estimated 18,000,000 children in the United States have chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions that demand caregiver monitoring,